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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

- The fifty-eight (58) attached “Replacement Sheets” for FIGS. 1-57 in APPENDIX A are submitted as a set of formal drawings for the above-referenced patent application.

- The fifty-eight (58) attached “Replacement Sheets” include the changes to FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23 as previously submitted by Applicant on June 27, 2005, and entered by the Examiner [*see* 10/11/2005 Office Action, pg. 2, ¶1].

APPENDIX A: Replacement Sheets for FIGS. 1-57.

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REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 13-18, 20, 25-26, 29, 32-33, 37, and 40 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or newly added. Therefore, claims 1-40 remain pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed by Applicant on March 19, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the cited references and provide a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.

DRAWINGS

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ALLOWED CLAIMS

In the Notice of Allowability mailed **January 24, 2007** (hereinafter “Notice”) in the above-referenced application, the Examiner included a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter [Notice, pg. 2, ¶3] that focused on the alleged teachings of the

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combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,620 to Lundgren in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,720 to Curtis *et al.* ("Curtis"). Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of Lundgren and Curtis, either alone or in combination, nor does Applicant concede that such a combination is even proper. Applicant further notes that other bases for patentability may exist in addition to those set forth by the Examiner in the Notice. As such, this statement of reasons is not exhaustive and should not be viewed as limiting.

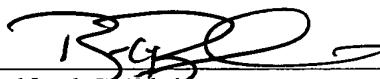
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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APPENDIX A

Fifty-eight (58) attached “Replacement Sheets” for FIGS. 1-57